

left off quarreling with the other players, and shouting "Off with his head!" or "Off with her head!" Those whom she sentenced were taken



into custody by the soldiers, who of course had to leave off being arches to do this, so that, by the end of half an hour or so, there were no arches left, and all the players, except the King, the Queen, and Alice, were in custody and under sentence of execution.

Then the Queen left off, quite out of breath, and said to Alice "Have you seen the Mock Turtle yet?"

"No," said Alice. "I don't even know what a Mock Turtle is."

"It's the thing Mock Turtle Soup is made from," said the Queen.

"I never saw one, or heard of one."

"Come on, then," said the Queen, "and I shall tell you his history."

As they walked off together, the King say in a low voice, to the Queen, "You are all pardoned. It's a very nice thing!" she said to herself, and was very unhappy at the number of pardons she had ordered.



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They very very soon came to a large tree where they fast asleep in the sun. "What a Gryphon is, look at that!" said the Queen, "and I must go back and see the Mock Turtle."